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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

This response to the Office action dated January 18, 2007 for the above application presents amendments to the claims and responds to the rejections, which includes a Declaration under Rule 132. This response and all attachments are timely filed within two months of a Final rejection because March 18, 2007 is a Sunday.